GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF CASHEW
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are encouraging cashew exports from India;

(b) if so, the extent to which the Government have been able to gain new markets for Indian cashew exports;

(c) whether the cashew exports have shown an upturn in the financial year 2001-2002;

(d) if so, the details of cashew export for the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that Indian cashew will maintain its market share in the world cashew market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : Government have been encouraging export of cashew kernel by implementing various schemes through Cashew Export Promotion Council which include modernization of cashew industry, obtaining ISO 9000 / HACCP certification and acquiring latest flexible packaging systems by cashew export processing units. Financial assistance has also been provided to CEPC under the Market Access Initiative Scheme for market studies in Japan and USA which are major markets.The details of cashew kernel exports for the last 3 years are as given below:-

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1999-2000	92316	2456.60
2000-2001	81657	1878.5
2001-2002(April - Jan) (P)	60849	1176.00
2000-2001(April - Jan) (P)	73825	1722.54

(P) : provisional
Source : DGCI&S

Some of the new markets for Indian Cashew kernel exports are Hungary, Iceland and Ethopia.